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(b) the extent of land attached and the extent of land sold for realizing the said arrears; and

(c) the amount realized by such sales and the amount still remaining uncollected?

A.—(a) The number of defaulters whose lands were attached is 1,650. The number of defaulters whose lands were sold is 172.

(b) The extent attached is 2,953 acres of dry and 2,971 acres of wet land. The extent sold is 400 acres of dry land and 242 acres of wet land.

(c) The amount realized by such sales is Rs. 12,569. The Government have no information whether any portion of amount for the recovery of which land was sold still remains to be collected.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask whether the Government are aware of the price per acre of wet and dry land in South Kanara? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice of that question."

Electricity

Progress of the Mettur Hydro-Electric Scheme.

* 590 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the Hydro-electric scheme at Mettur is;

(b) to what places supply of current is to be made from there;

(c) when this scheme is likely to be completed and linked up; and

(d) what the charges which the Government propose to levy for the current to be supplied from this scheme are?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 368 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1933. The position remains unchanged since that answer was given.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the position remains unchanged since November last and during the last four months nothing was done? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am sure that the Chief Engineer for Electricity is engaged in the preparation of detailed plans and estimates."

Arms and Ammunition

Stoppage of issue of renewal licences for automatic firearms.

* 591 *Q.*—Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been issued to the District Magistrates not to grant renewals of licences for automatic firearms; and

(b) if so, the reasons for issuing such orders?

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A.—(a) No, but instructions have been issued that the orders of Government should be taken before renewing licences for such weapons.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member why Government insist upon orders being taken from them by the District Magistrates before renewing licences for automatic weapons?"

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"Because automatic weapons can easily be concealed or stolen and Government want that proper attention should be paid before licence is granted."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member the difference between an automatic weapon and a revolver?"

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"From my point of view, an automatic weapon can be concealed or stolen more easily than a revolver."

Law and Order (General)

Arrests and conviction and discharge since June 1933 for offences of a political nature.

* 592 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the number is of arrests of a political nature made in each month since June 1933 in each district; and

(b) how many have been convicted and how many have been let off?

A.—(a) The information is not available.

(b) A statement [a] showing the number of persons convicted of offences connected with the civil disobedience movement in each month since June 1933 in each district is placed on the table.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"In view of the fact that civil disobedience movement is not existing now, may I ask whether the hon. the Home Member will consider the advisability of releasing those people who have been sentenced but who are still in jail?"

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Irrigation

Provision of a flood bank to the Korayar river in the Srivilliputtur taluk.

593 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table the report received in answer to question No. 445 asked at the meeting of the Council on 10th November 1933?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 371 infra.